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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A devastating disease that can afflict anyone,  
2 regardless of gender or ethnicity, lung cancer is by far the leading  
3 cause of cancer death among both men and women; and

4 WHEREAS, Lung cancer accounts for about 14 percent of all new  
5 cancers, and each year, more people die of lung cancer than of  
6 colon, breast, and prostate cancers combined; and

7 WHEREAS, Overall, the risk of developing lung cancer over the  
8 course of a lifetime is about 1 in 13 for men and 1 in 16 for women;  
9 the risk is much higher than that average for smokers and is lower  
10 for nonsmokers; and

11 WHEREAS, Cancer survival rates vary depending on the stage at  
12 which the cancer is diagnosed, and even people who receive very  
13 serious prognoses can sometimes still be cured; more than 350,000  
14 people alive today have been diagnosed with lung cancer at some  
15 point; and

16 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and treatment greatly increase  
17 chances for survival, and understanding the risk factors for lung  
18 cancer can help improve the odds of early detection; now,  
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
21 Legislature hereby recognize May 24, 2013, as Lung Cancer Awareness  
22 Day in Texas and encourage all Texans to learn about ways to reduce  
23 the prevalence of this deadly disease.